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**ASSERTION OF SMALL ENTITY STATUS**

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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.27(c), entitlement to Small Entity Status is hereby asserted. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the Patent Office records be marked to indicate that Applicants are entitled to Small Entity Status, and that Small Entity fees be accepted henceforth in this patent application.

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